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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING  
EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS  
AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-  
PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement set forth in an Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the species covered by Group VI (Claims 14, 25-28, 49, 60-63, 89, 90, 98, 120, 121 and 129).

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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